

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Henry Guy Stevens

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For: PVA-CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete Claims 35 to 64.

Please add new Claims 65 to 93 as follows:

65. (New) A filled PVA-containing composition comprising, by weight:-

40 to 70% PVA;

8 to 15% plasticizer;

0.5 to 1.5% internal lubricant;

0.0001 to 0.1% external lubricant; and

a filler.

66. (New) A composition according to Claim 65 comprising, by weight, 20 – 50% filler.